

REMARKS

In the September 26, 2005 Office Action, (1) Claims 1 and 19 were elected by Original Presentation; (2) Claims 17, and 24-28 were objected to because of informalities; (3) Claims 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; (4) Claims 3-6, 14-18, and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101; (5) Claims 14, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eldering (U.S. Patent No. 6,298,348); (6) Claims 25, 26, 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki (U.S. Patent No. 6,313,745 B1); and (7) Claim 23 was allowable.

Applicant does not agree with the rejections in the September 26, 2005 Office Action, based upon the prior art, 35 U.S.C. 101, or 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and is canceling Claims 1, 3-6, 14-19, and 25-32 solely to expedite the issuance of the allowable subject matter in the present application. Applicant therefore reserves the right to present Claims 1, 3-6, 14-19 and 25-32 in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part application.

Applicant has amended Claim 24 to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Applicant thanks Examiner Smith for his careful examination of the present application, and for his indication of allowable subject matter.


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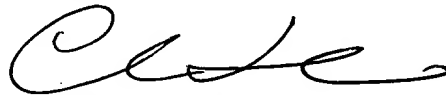

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. MPEP § 714.12. If the Examiner has any questions or further issues that may be handled telephonically, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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